

Multiple Choice Questions

1. _____ have the longest life expectancy of any group of Americans today.
 - A. White men
 - B. White women
 - C. Black men
 - D. Black women
2. Research on age stereotypes indicates that:
 - A. gender is one of the least significant factors in age stereotyping
 - B. age stereotypes tend to be very persistent, fixed, and strongly resistant to change
 - C. perceptions of aging are socially constructed
 - D. the emphasis on age in defining who is attractive or popular is greater today than ever
3. When the mass media presents the elderly as childish, it is called:
 - A. the infantilization of the elderly
 - B. media ageism
 - C. the diminution of the elderly
 - D. reverse ageism
4. Which of the following is true about the elderly?
 - A. they lose their interest in sex and their capacity for sexual relations
 - B. they are “set in their ways” and unable to adapt to the flow of change in the world around them
 - C. most old people live in poverty
 - D. none of the above
5. Among women, _____ women are much more dissatisfied with their bodies than are _____ women.
 - A. young; old
 - B. old; young
 - C. African American; White
 - D. none of the above
6. Age norm analysis indicates that:
 - A. age groupings are treated differently in society and different expectations go along with each
 - B. many age norms become laws
 - C. age norms differ from one ethnic/racial group to another
 - D. all of the above
7. Age is a(n) _____ status.
 - A. achieved
 - B. ascribed
 - C. negotiated
 - D. assumed

Chapter 14

8. Research on mid-life crisis indicates that mid-life is:
 - A. a particularly difficult time for women because it marks the end of their role as mother
 - B. actually experienced as a happy and positive time by most men and women
 - C. a period of transition that is much more difficult for most men and women than originally perceived
 - D. a time when the significance of the physical signs of aging taking place in their bodies and appearance is exaggerated and life accomplishments diminished
9. Retirement is a most difficult period of adjustment for those:
 - A. whose careers have been the primary basis for their identity for many years
 - B. who have experienced considerable conflict in the workplace immediately prior to their retirement
 - C. who have been employed by that employer for five years or less
 - D. with dependent children still living at home
10. The most radical advocacy group among the elderly is the:
 - A. Gray Panthers
 - B. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
 - C. Retired Angry American Men (RAAM)
 - D. Older Women's League (OWL)